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# NEWSLETTER

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DC

NEW YEAR 1990. The sands in that old hour glass will empty out another year and as we approach the end of the decade, your Congressman wishes to take a moment and look ahead to our agenda for 1990.

First, there will be some unusual items on our legislative schedule for 1990. The Congress will be asked to consider increased economic assistance for Poland and perhaps a limited package for a handful of other eastern European countries (with the aim of expanding our trade with the newly formed governments. We have important questions to answer with respect to the rapidly changing political climate in that part of the world.

Second, we will entertain a first-of-its-kind defense cut-back proposal from the Bush Administration. It is being offered in view of the lessened military threat from the Warsaw Pact nations. Congress must, and will carefully examine such a cut-back idea in light of our obligation under the Constitution to provide adequate means for the nation's defense. As excited as we are by events in eastern Europe, we must be extremely cautious in rushing to dismantle our forward defenses in Europe. Peace must be given its chance to flourish, but not at the expense of preparedness.

Budget, again, will be paramount and the cuts required under the Deficit Reduction Act (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings) will pinch the nation's purse even further. Given the continued debate over a capital gains tax cut, the Congress will be further challenged to choose between quick fixes and long term solutions. The medicine--no matter what prescription we write--will be a pill that we must all swallow together if we are to see interest rates come down and investment go up.

A litany of on-going problems will greet us at the start of the new decade: Medical insurance needs, clean air legislation, day care for working families, nuclear waste clean-up, drug interdiction, financial institution failures, the cost of education, natural resource preservation, affordable

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housing, national infrastructure improvements (roads, bridges, water delivery, energy development), the trade deficit--all of the above are national issues which in one way or another affect the livelihood of the nation, and South Texas. They require our continued serious attention.

As I prepare for the opening of the second session of the 101st Congress (January 23, 1990), I am ready to tackle these problems in a spirit of cooperation and civility. It is my firm conviction that our nation needs to move forward; not at a crawl, but at a deliberate pace whereby we can show the people that results are at hand and attainable by the government.

The time for squabbling about which method is best or which course of action is more prudent is over. No particular solution to any of our national problems will be ideal. Somewhere, someone or some group will be affected in a way that is not perfect. But we can no longer put the country "on-hold" while Congress searches for the perfect answer that does not exist.

As we ready ourselves for the challenges of the 1990s, it might be well to remember a little passage that was written a long time ago (author unknown) but has so much meaning for all of us in this modern, hectic world. It is perhaps the best kind of New Year's Resolution as we look toward the last ten years before the changing of the millennium:

"Resolve to be tender with the young,  
compassionate with the aged,  
sympathetic with the striving,  
and tolerant of the weak and wrong.

Sometime in life we will be one or all of these."

We wish everyone in South Texas a new year filled with health and happiness, and everything good that life can bring.

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